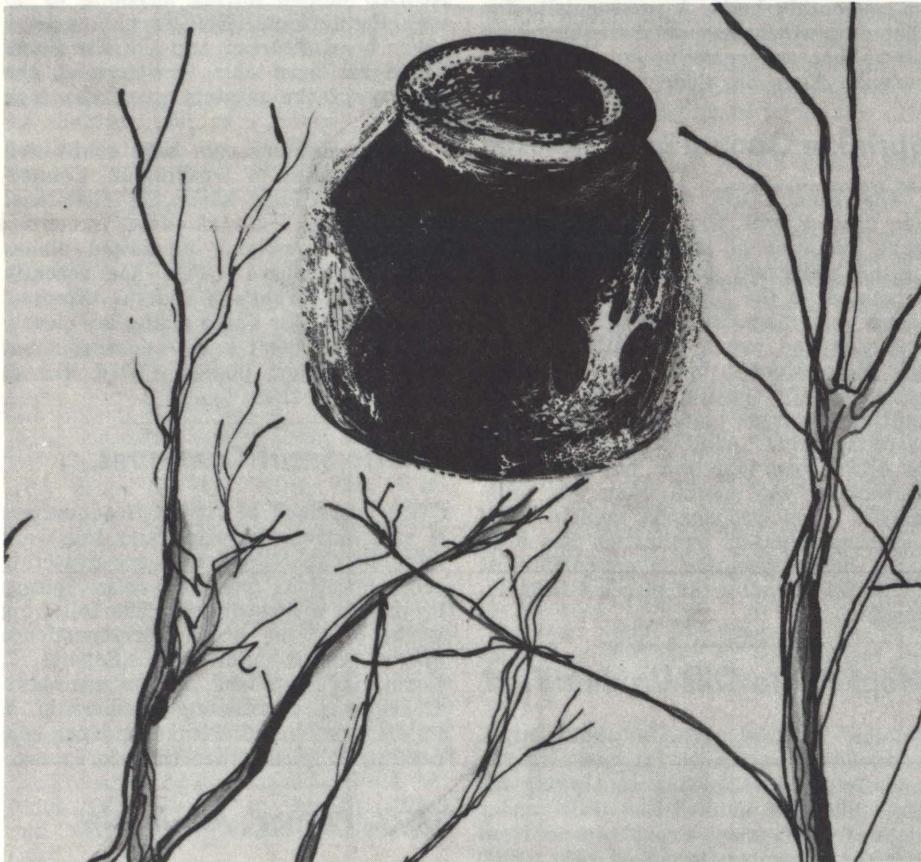


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'BEANPOT' PHOTO TAKEN IN INDIANA



Artist's Rendition of Milan Object. See Story on right.

—Richard Beal

UFO Caused Car Wreck?

Francis Bedel, Jr., 23, of Portland, Indiana, claims that an object which he spotted in the sky on the night of January 17 caused him to wreck his car. Bedel's sighting was one of three reported in Indiana that night.

According to Bedel, a saucer-shaped object with red, yellow, blue and white blinking lights was sighted as he drove on Indiana 135 about five miles north of Freetown, Indiana. In watching the object, he lost control of the car and ran off the road. Corroborating testimony came from Phil Patton of Freetown, who said he saw the same or similar object about a mile from the accident scene. Patton told police the object appeared to come within 100 feet of his car, also on Indiana 135. The press reported that it was the third sighting in that vicinity that night.

Man Reported Struck By Falling Object

Samuel S. Westfall of Galesburg, Illinois, reported having been struck on the arm by a small, round object fired from outer space. He reported the incident on January 16 after three sightings of a red ball that appeared near his trailer court. On the first occasion he said it landed and he and several other persons watched it for five minutes before it flew away. The next night "it just flew overhead and didn't land." When he went looking for it on Saturday, January 15, he was struck on the arm by a small, round object he thinks was fired by somebody from outer space. It was imbedded in his arm and his wife and he worked it out before reporting it to the sheriff's office. No information available concerning the nature of the object.

'Beanpot' Photo Taken In Indiana

Don Worley of Connersville, Indiana, spent considerable time winding up the following report which includes a spectacular color photo of an object which closely resembles (of all things) a bean pot. Our initial information came from a man who had heard of APRO and the photo, and called APRO headquarters. The report:

Fourteen-year-old Reed Thompson of Milan had got home from school on the 19th of January, and was sitting in the Thompson living room watching TV at about 3 P.M. His back was to the large ceiling-to-floor windows on the east side of the room. He heard a noise like a Diesel train engine starting up, glanced in the direction of the railroad tracks.

At ten degrees east of north over a house with a red roof and seemingly on the same level of a TV antenna and electric wires, he saw what he thought was a street light. It appeared about the same size as a street light but was silver. Later Reed estimated the object was about 200 yards from him at that time. Then he realized the light was moving, and that puzzled him. It continued to move, and, following the contour of the ground, proceeded down the slope behind the house on the street north of the Thompson residence. The object which appeared to "float," went out of sight in a small valley behind a row of small fir trees. Presently it came into sight again, made an angle turn and was moving up the slope of the hill toward his home. In attempting to describe his feelings to Mr. Worley, Reed said: "I was shocked. I felt like I was going to have a heart attack. I knew something was odd, different out there. I thought I must be seeing things. I couldn't believe my own eyes. It was coming right up between the bird feeder and the locust tree."

The strange thing had traveled approximately 200 yards and Reed had watched for several minutes, then ran for the camera lying on a shelf, stopped when halfway there and turned around and looked again. He grabbed the camera, approached the window and, standing 4 or 5 feet from the window, took a quick shot. He moved a step closer and clicked the shutter again. The object's speed was "walking speed," about three miles per hour.

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Dell Publishes Second Special Issue

Dell Publications' special issue on UFOs, titled "Flying Saucers—UFO Reports," was, we understand, a singularly successful magazine. The indications are that the general public has an unprecedented and vital interest in the subject, for the magazine, which printed a quarter of a million copies of its first issue, sold out within days.

We understand Dell is in the process of producing another issue, which will include considerable material generated by APRO, as did the first issue. Watch for it. Although the printing will exceed that of Dell's first issue on UFOs, the second issue is likely to sell out as quickly as the first.

We Need Your Zip Code!

If your Zip Code does not appear on the envelope in which you received this Bulletin, please send it to us by return mail, POST CARD. We are re-vamping our addressing and records system and in the interests of office efficiency must have your zip code right away.

In response to the current increase in reports and membership, we are preparing for the day when we can publish on a monthly basis. A pre-requisite for that day, which may yet be a long way off, is that we streamline our office procedures. Your Zip Code will help.

Sprinkle Quoted In Look Issue

The recent LOOK magazine special issue dealing with UFOs included a half page quotation of Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, of the University of Wyoming, who is a member of the APRO staff. We understand this magazine enjoyed wide distribution and was a "sellout." Many of the photos were furnished by APRO, but unfortunately (possibly due to haste in putting the issue together) some errors were apparent. APRO was referred to as ARPO more than once, but everything considered, the special issue was probably a good propaganda vehicle. Mail resulting from its publication has been quite heavy, resulting in added interest in APRO as well as an increase in membership.

Hopf Photo Still Unidentified

John T. Hopf, APRO's photoanalyst, received an answer to his query to Sky and Telescope Magazine concerning his time photo of unidentified trails under date of 19 January. See photo on front page of November-December 1966 APRO Bulletin. We quote the letter: "I'm afraid it's impossible to give you any help in identifying the strange objects on your film. They are as unusual to us as they are to you. The similarity of all the trails is suggestive, but leads to no immediate explanation. Hope you identify the objects. If you do, please let me know." Signed, Leif J. Robinson, Assistant Editor.

Mystery Men Silence UFO Sighters

Men dressed in Air Force uniforms or bearing credentials from government agencies have been silencing UFO witnesses, according to Colonel George P. Freeman, Pentagon spokesman for Project Bluebook. "We have checked a number of these cases," Colonel Freeman said "and these men are not connected with the Air Force in any way." He cited a recent case in which the police officers and other witnesses at sightings in Wanaque, N. J., were allegedly col-

lected together by a man wearing an Air Force uniform and told that they "hadn't seen anything" and shouldn't discuss the incident. "Whoever it was, he wasn't from the Air Force," Freeman stated.

Another mystery man bearing credentials from the North American Air Defense Command turned up at the home of Mr. Rex Heflin, who had taken a series of UFO pictures in California in 1965, and demanded the originals. NORAD denied having anything to do with the incident. Heflin's photos have never been returned and the Air Force has never been able to determine the identity of the mystery man who took them.

Similar mystery men have confronted UFO witnesses in Washington, Connecticut and on Long Island, N. Y. Colonel Freeman also commented on numerous reports of low-flying unmarked planes over areas where UFOs had recently been seen. "That's a federal offense," he said. "All Air Force planes are clearly marked. We don't know anything about these unmarked planes. We'd like to catch one of them too."

Traffic Snarl Continues

The workload at APRO Headquarters is still extremely heavy and the work force asks that those who are expecting communications from this office, please be patient a little longer. The following is the order in which correspondence precedence is allotted: 1. Reports. 2. Report investigations. 3. New members. 4. Inquiries concerning membership. 5. Public relations. 6. Correspondence concerning subjects other than foregoing.

UFO 'Primer' Available

An excellent study titled "The Reference for Outstanding UFO Sighting Reports" has been produced by Thomas Olsen, a young nuclear engineer who has been making a study of the subject for several years. Those wishing to obtain the report may order it by forwarding \$5.95, check or money order, to UFO Information Retrieval Center, Inc., P. O. Box 57, Riderwood, Maryland, 21139, U.S.A. We recommend this report highly.

Salisbury Article In Bioscience

The January 1967 issue of Bioscience magazine includes an article, "The Scientist and the UFO" by Dr. Frank B. Salisbury of APRO's advisory staff. Some of the information and illustrations were furnished by APRO, and although the article does not state so, one of the drawings (illustrating the Gill sighting) was executed by staff artist Richard Beal.

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During this phase Reed was so excited he forgot to wind the film and got a double exposure. His aim was not the best and he got part of a curtain and tree limb. The object had just glided past the window. He thought he attempted another shot but is not sure.

In an attempt to get a better look and perhaps another photo, Reed rushed into the bedroom. He turned the film to a new frame and got the only picture, just as the object glided past the window. It then passed out of sight, heading in the direction of a large locust tree near the corner of the house. The boy then hurriedly donned pants, shirt, shoes and coat (he had been sitting watching TV in his underclothing) and rushed outside to see if he could further observe the thing. The object moved up the slope by then was approximately 100 yards away down the slope by a big sycamore tree. It slowly moved up the slope on the other side along a row of small fir trees. When near the end of the line of trees, it made another turn, moved west a short distance and then disappeared instantly.

As the object vanished, the sound of a Diesel train, which had persisted all during the sighting, stopped also.

During the investigation Worley asked the boy if the object looked the same as it did in the picture and he said it didn't. It was silvery, the same color and brightness all over, and appeared to him to be more squat or rounded than it appeared in the picture. He also said he didn't notice any ports or protrusions, but did note that it had a sharp, clean edge. He judged it to be about 6 feet by 6 feet, and when it approached an obstacle it would not curve around it but rather angled around. The noise he heard which he compared with a Diesel starting up, was the same volume constantly when the object was outside the window and when it was 200 yards away. It did not touch any trees and no broken branches were found. Reed was questioned by the state police, fifteen minutes by telephone and 45 minutes in person.

No other witnesses have come forward or been found. Mr. Thompson stated that almost everyone in the neighborhood was away working at that time of the day. Initially, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson didn't think he had gotten a photograph and were amazed at what showed up on the film. Reed told Mr. Worley that he was "greatly relieved and it proved there was nothing wrong with his head."

Following are some observations by Mr. Worley:

a. On the left side of the object on the glassy, highly reflective surface there are plainly visible the reflections of tree branches. This indicates the object was up in the air near the tree and not thrown or hanging near the window.

b. It is significant that the boy saw the object as a shiny silver color, but

that it photographed differently...a dark grey.

c. Reed Thompson's actions and reactions are quite normal under the circumstances: bewildered, confusion, lack of action, his poor handling of the camera which was his sister's and with which he was not familiar.

d. A local photographer with many years' experience gave his opinion that the photo was genuine, not a result of double exposure or montage.

e. If a hoax were involved in this incident, and it does not seem so, it would be more impressive to create a type of object which has been seen and described before, such as a disc, cigar, etc. This is the first "fantastic flying bean jar" reported to date, to our knowledge.

The camera used was a Kodak Hawk-eye. No information concerning shutter speed, but the film used was Ectochrome 127.

APRO attempted to obtain the photo for Bulletin use, but Mr. Thompson hoped to sell it to Time-Life or others. At this writing, no large group has accepted it; it was turned down by Time-Life and Dell publications, possibly because it does not resemble anything previously sighted or described.

Therefore, APRO asked staff artist Richard Beal to do a drawing based on description and Mr. Worley's sketches.

The Texas Flap

Unconcern by government authorities over numerous unidentified aerial objects sighted by sheriffs and residents of the El Campo area of Texas has aroused recent press attention in Houston. Sightings point to the fact that the objects may have a rendezvous point somewhere near Hallettsville or the King Ranch.

A synopsis of individual experiences, most of them unreported until this January, includes sightings by deputy sheriffs, teenagers and a dairy farmer and his wife.

Deputy Sheriff Ed Korenek recently related his experience at the Wharton County Court House on the condition that his account be forwarded to federal authorities. He cited the time as back in September of 1966 in El Campo.

"I was the only one on duty except the police dispatcher, Clarence Kibodeaux. At about 3:30 or 4 A.M., I was northbound on Highway 71, doing about 120 miles per hour to blow the soot out of the patrol car engine, when I saw something on the highway north of me like a car on fire. All of a sudden there was something by the side of my car doing 120 MPH along with me. I jerked my head to the left and it was like a car on fire, all flames and moving. At that speed I didn't dare look long. I jerked my eyes back to the road and there was another one on the highway ahead of me about a half a mile. This one was

about three stories tall and glowing in flames. I couldn't see any shape.

"I started hitting my brakes and grabbed for the mike, but my radio was dead. I looked left to spot Thornton Airport and there was another one hovering over the field. I gave the car the gas, heading right toward it. Then it began a sliding motion toward the east, drifted off the highway real slow and sucked its flame up behind it. That's the last I saw of it. I looked back at the airport and the other one was gone. My radio came back on as I turned the car around.

"I told Clarence on the radio that I saw something in the field but I didn't tell him what. He wouldn't have believed me. I don't think anyone will."

Police dispatcher Clarence Kibodeaux confirmed the deputy's fright. "I don't know what he saw but he called me on the radio and said 'you won't believe what I've just seen.' I asked him what it was and he said 'I don't know and I'm not going to try to find out . . . I'm getting the hell out'."

Police Chief W. W. Broadus of El Campo confirmed Korenek's reliability. "He's a good man," Broadus said. "He worked for me for about two and a half years. I'd say that his judgment is reliable. If he tells you something, you can depend on it."

Almost a year prior to Korenek's experience on December 3, 1965, Sheriff's Deputies B. E. McCoy and Bob Goode spotted a glowing light on a highway between Damon and West Columbia area near Brazoria County. This sighting was reported at some length in a previous issue of our Bulletin (which unfortunately is now out of stock). The object they saw appeared to have two separate lights and, rising from a field, made a complete turn and within seconds was 150 feet from the highway and parallel to their car. The men estimated the size of the craft as at least two hundred feet long and fifty feet tall. Intense heat was felt by both men at the closest point of contact.

On farm road 1300, a few miles south and due west of Korenek's sighting, 17-year-old Janis Bodungen of El Campo was tracked by red lights on two different occasions. On the night of November 28, 1966, Miss Bodungen was driving with a friend, Bryan Ritz, when the object was spotted.

"It was right on the side of the road and soundless," Miss Bodungen said. "As we passed, it glowed a darker red. I looked back and it was still somewhere behind, just suspended in the air, about six feet off the ground. We couldn't see anything behind the lights although it was a clear night. We both got plenty scared."

"About two weeks later I was by myself and heading home on the same road when I saw two big, bright lights coming toward me. At first I thought it was a car. I was doing 60 or 70, but I put on my signal lights as if I planned to make

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Glowing Object Is Photographed In Connecticut

Multiple sightings of a red, glowing cigar-shaped object have been reported over the hills of northwest Connecticut recently. Most observers have been students and faculty members of Hotchkiss School in Lakeville. On the night of January 19 the object was photographed around 9:15 by Richard Gipstein, 17, a senior at the school. The object was moving toward the south above the hill line in the distance. Gipstein set his camera, with telephoto lens, on a tripod and opened the shutter for five seconds. The object first appeared for just a moment, and then disappeared, as can be seen in the photo above. Then it reappeared, travelling on the same line and continued to grow brighter. It then grew gradually dimmer as it moved toward the south until it faded out. The camera was a Voigtlander SLR 35 mm, and the lens was set at f8.

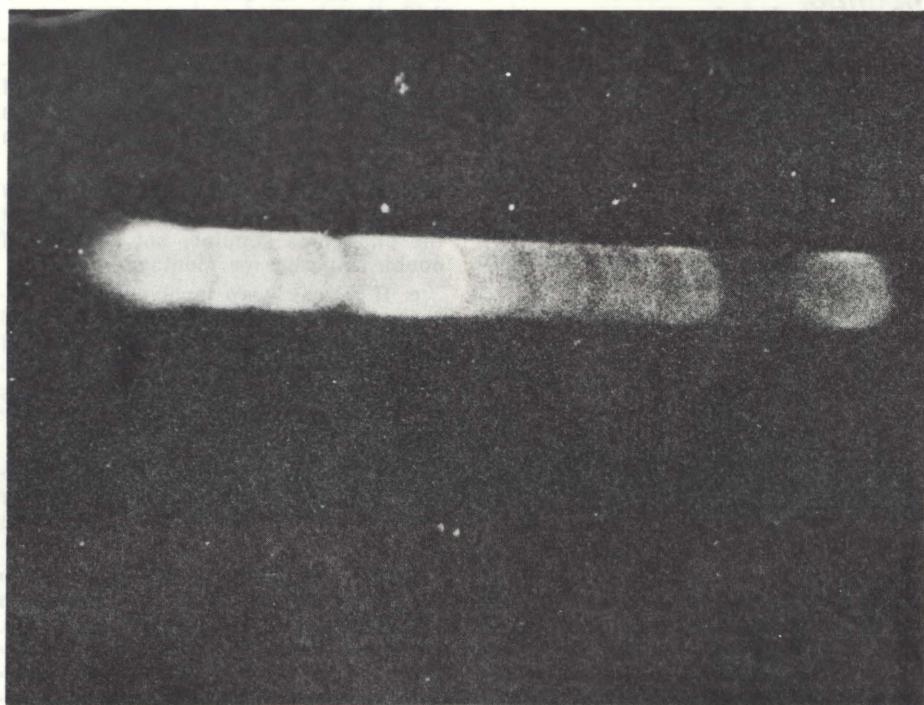
George Hernandez, 16, a junior at the school, was the first to have reported sighting the object a week earlier. As a result nightly watches were set up and notebooks carefully kept. The object's next appearance was on January 16 around 11 P.M. It moved in an erratic pattern near the horizon towards the south and southwest. The light was pulsating. The next night was overcast but a brief sighting was reported. On the 18th between 9:30 and 10 P.M., some eight persons, including two teachers, reported seeing the UFO in the same general position. The next night, when the picture was taken, ten persons were reported to have seen it.

Dismissing the possibility that it could be car lights, as some claimed, Gipstein pointed out that "it has been seen in too many areas and been reported in a 90 degree arc of the horizon."

Besides sightings at Hotchkiss, others were reported in the area around the same time. Mrs. Peter Merson and her 11-year-old son of Vernon reported seeing an object "with red lights which hovered in the sky" on January 15. Three North Granby residents sighted a similar object about 5:45 the same night near Granville, Mass.

On January 17, Mrs. Donald Warner of Sharon observed "a glowing orange oval moving low in the sky" about 6:45 P.M., while driving from Lakeville to Sharon. She drew to the side of the road to observe the object for about five minutes before it disappeared. Its light did not blink and it was soundless.

Reginal Baker of Indian Mountain School also sighted "a glowing orange-red cigar-shaped object with red lights" on the 24th. He photographed it around



6:45 P.M., but his Polaroid shot is indistinct. A state trooper from Cannon Barracks came to the school to investigate the boy's report, which is being referred to Kennedy Airport and Springfield.

UFO With Ports At Omaha

Driving home from the Omaha, Nebraska Country Club on January 18 at 7:20 P.M., Miss Judy Bradley and Mr. Robert Ludacka sighted a craft unlike any they had ever seen before. And living near Eppley Airfield they are familiar with airplanes.

They first saw lights in the sky to the northeast, over trees on a hill. Initially they believed the lights were on a plane, moving eastward, a block or two from them. It banked and headed south, parallel to their path. A beam of a spotlight projected from the front. There was a red blinking light on the left side and a green blinking light on the bottom toward the back. Eight windows stood out clearly, illuminated by a soft yellow light from behind. The windows were square and in groups of four, divided by the red light.

A glow of city light allowed them to see a faint silhouette of the blimp-like object which appeared to be 50 to 75 feet long and two hundred feet above the trees. They saw no wings. At times it traveled at very low speed, hovering and then gave the impression that it was settling to earth. They attempted to drive to a nearby hill to get a better look, but in the short time it took to get there, the object had disappeared. Their sighting was believed to last from three to five minutes.

Shown above is photo taken by Richard Gipstein on January 19, 1967. Technical data: Camera used was a Voigtlander SLR 35 mm, lens—50 mm Skopar X f. 2.8 with seven power monocular lens attached. Object traveling right to left and the exposure was five seconds. A tripod, cable release and brace were used for maximum stability. Film: Tri X Pan film (ASA 400). Film developed for eight minutes in D-76 developer.

AF Man Comments On Radar Contacts

Numerous sightings around Connecticut in January have elicited the following comment from a spokesman for Bradley Field, Hartford airport. If a UFO showed on the airport radar screen it could not be distinguished from a plane, the spokesman told a Hartford Courant reporter. "We're not in contact with half the air traffic we see on radar so as far as we're concerned half the traffic are UFOs."

The Courant also ran the following list of instructions in the event of a sighting:

- 1) Make an estimate of the size of the object in comparison with a well-known object such as grapefruit or a coin.
- 2) Estimate height of object in degrees by holding arm straight out for 0 degrees and straight up for 90 degrees.
- 3) If possible get out of car to avoid glass distortion.
- 4) Observe location and number of lights on object.
- 5) Compare intensity of light to some familiar night light such as car lights.
- 6) Don't go near the object if it lands —contact officials.



Barber Snaps UFO Photo

Ralph Ditter, a barber at Zanesville, Ohio, released on February 7 two Polaroid photos of an object which he claims he sighted and photographed over his house on November 13, 1966. The object's size was estimated to be 20 to 22 feet in diameter, rotating counter-clockwise and moving about 10 to 15 miles per minute.

Ditter displayed his photos in his barbershop for two months before releasing them to the press.

Areas of doubt include the lack of a shadow from the object, whereas other objects in the photo such as the cars, trees, etc., are casting a definite shadow. Also, investigators wonder why Ditter waited two months before releasing the story and photos to news media. If authentic, the photos are an important addition to existing UFO evidence.

Ditter has been generous about furnishing prints at a reasonable price—not attempting to make a large profit. However, his bartering business has flourished as a result of the attention concerning the photos since they were publicized. See photo above.

Professor Views UAO

In Tennessee

Three city policemen and a University of Tennessee Professor, Fred Fields, were among many who saw a UFO on the night of November 3. All were very impressed with the "uncanny, certainly fantastic object" which was variously described as "very huge, round, red and

orange. It glowed and stopped and hovered in mid-air." Fields was with three students and a University Traffic Officer when he saw it.

According to press reports, the reports might have continued all night had not Traffic Officer Doug Norman and another man driven by the rear of an apartment building near the U-T campus, where they saw a crowd of U-T boys and some suspicious-looking balloons ascending into the heavens—with tinsel attached.

No mention was made of what the object was which was viewed before the balloons were launched.

Objects Cross Moon Disc

At about 9 p.m. on a night in the last week of September (no exact date noted) J. R. Tafel, of Detroit, Michigan was observing the moon through a 3-inch reflecting telescope with 18 mm Orthoscope eyepiece and magnification of 42X. An elliptical object, dark against the disc of the moon, crossed the moon's face in a shallow arc from the upper right to the lower left on the inverted image of the eyepiece. He took his eye from the scope and looked at the moon. Seeing nothing he looked back into the scope in time to see another ellipsoid follow the same path as the first. Both ellipsoids were approximately two minutes of arc in length, or about 1/15th the diameter of the moon's disc. Each took about five seconds to traverse the full face of the moon. They were separated by about one degree of arc.

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a turn when the lights were a block and a half away. All of a sudden it covered the whole road, one big light, turning gold, and past the edges of the highway. It was as tall as the trees, maybe taller, and narrow. I couldn't see anything beyond the lights. I slowed down and when I saw it keep coming toward me in a slow, graceful glide, I turned the car around and 'flew.' That thing was huge."

"She was at the point of hysteria when she came running in my door," said Miss Bodungen's aunt, Mrs. E. H. Casey of El Campo. Bryan Ritz confirmed the story and added: "I've seen it twice. First with Janis. The second time it had a brilliant amber glow. At first I thought it was a wreck but then when it started hovering over the ground, I changed my mind and 'flew.' Man I got off of that road but fast."

An El Campo policewoman who requested anonymity reported that other citizens of both El Campo and Wharton, nine miles away, had been buzzed by unidentified aerial objects at Hollywood Bottoms, a Colorado River picnicking site, twenty-two miles south of El Campo near Highway 1162. "We get calls all the time," Clarence Kibodeaux, police dispatcher, stated. "Everyone keeps seeing these things but we don't have enough patrolmen to send them out 'light chasing'."

Mr. and Mrs. Mark DeFriend, who have a dairy farm in El Campo, have reported flights over their fields and a highway encounter by Mrs. DeFriend. "On the night of November 2, 1966," said Mrs. DeFriend, "an object raced in front of my car at speeds of 60 MPH. At times it moved to the side of the road and raced alongside in nearby fields. It was glowing, with eight circular red lights, and seemed to be of a misty, greenish-blue substance. When I looked back at one point, it skipped behind me and I could see it hovering over some trees."

Mr. DeFriend recorded sightings on July 25, Aug. 14, Nov. 3, 14 and 19. Then on November 27 a strong light appeared to the west, behind the DeFriend home. "It began moving toward me," he wrote in his notebook. "I ran to the house and got my binoculars. As it came over the house, it was a red, glowing color. As I started watching, the brilliant light went out." On November 30 he recorded chasing a similar object in his truck without success, as it appeared north of his home and headed in an easterly direction toward Houston.

What worries most El Campo residents is the lack of investigation by competent authorities despite no apparent end to the flaps in that vicinity. For their work in reporting this activity, we wish to thank David Wuliger, and Don C. Goodwin of the Houston Tribune.

We Need Zip Codes!

Brothers Photograph Object

Photographs of an unidentified aerial object taken by Dan and Grant Jaroslaw in Harrison Township, Michigan, on January 9, have caused a stir among civilian and Air Force UFO experts.

The teenage brothers made four polaroid snapshots of a hamburger-shaped object seen at 2:30 P.M. from their back yard. A fifth photo was taken of a Coast Guard helicopter which reported nothing unusual seen at the time in that area.

The object which the boys sighted, hovered over Lake St. Clair for about ten minutes and left without making any noise. Dan Jaroslaw said the object was grey and disc-shaped, slightly domed at the top with what appeared to be a slim mast or aerial in the rear. The photographs bore out his description. "It moved faster than any of the jets we see from the base and seemed about the size of a helicopter," his brother added.

Officers at Selfridge Air Force Base nearby termed the photos the best shots of a UFO ever examined at the base. "We get up to 100 reports a month and most are easily dismissed," stated Maj. Raymond Nyls. "You can even make out what resembled an antenna on the back."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astrophysicist at Northwestern University and advisor to the Air Force Project Blue Book, which co-ordinates and investigates UFO reports, commented on their seeming authenticity. "The striking thing to me is the similarity these pictures have to other photos I have seen and also to verbal descriptions I've taken from ostensibly reliable people," he said. "Being a polaroid print offers less chance for darkroom chicanery," he added. Also significant was the fact that a series of pictures was taken rather than just one shot. "Analysis so far does not show any indication of an obvious hoax," he said after examining negatives copied from the original prints.

So far, however, the boys and their family have not been willing to part with the original photographs.

Member Roger Mink of Grosse Point Woods pointed out that the sighting was made over a fresh water lake, relatively close to a number of rivers, high tension lines, a pumping station and in the control zone of Selfridge Air Force Base. The Detroit-Windsor area is the main population area in Michigan and Ontario and the fifth largest population area in the country.

Although we were not able to procure the photographs for publication, Mr. James Frey of Detroit kindly submitted the results of his investigation of the Jaroslaw photos, which we present here:

This is a summary of my investigation of the Jaroslaw sighting of 9 January 1967 on the shore of Lake St. Clair just south of the mouth of the Clinton River in Michigan. The pictures were taken with a Polaroid Swinger camera through

a 2½ inch iron pipe structure. The object was reported as being directly East out over the ice about a quarter of a mile away.

Through my investigation, I have come to the conclusion that this sighting may not be genuine. My reasons for this conclusion are as follows:

(1) The boys claim that they took 4 pictures of the object they sighted and 5 minutes after the object had gone, they took a picture of a helicopter flying in the area. From the numbers on the back of the prints the helicopter was print number 3. Prints numbered 1, 2, 4 and 5 were of the object they said they saw. This fact doesn't coincide with their story.

(2) If you compare the pictures of the object as taken on the originals with the picture of the helicopter, the grain on the print of the helicopter is much more pronounced than that of the object, which is much clearer. Distant objects taken with this type of camera have a tendency to be very grainy if taken at the distance the boys reported this object to be, according to photographic experts.

(3) If you compare photograph No. 1 with photograph No. 5, you will notice that the object in print No. 5 appears to be closer to the branches of the bush. This is because the boys said that print No. 5 was taken when they had moved to a new position and had crouched down to get another shot. Look at the two twigs just left of center of the prints, you will notice that one of them in one print is higher than the other. The twig farthest out to the right in print No. 1 is the twig that is closest to the camera. In this print it appears to be lower than the twig to its left. In print No. 5 this is reversed because the picture was taken in a crouched position. An object taken at the distance that this one is reported to be from the camera will appear to drop when you crouch to snap the picture. The object in print No. 5 seems to rise as the photo was taken. The boys reported that the object never moved while they were taking the pictures. The only way you can achieve this upward motion is when the object is positioned very near the camera or in line with the branches of the bush. If we assume that the object is hung directly beside the bush and you take a picture in a crouched position, the object will indeed tend to rise. This has been tried with an identical camera and taken from the same spot that the originals were taken. We obtained almost identical prints using this idea.

(4) If you go out to the spot where the boys took the pictures and duplicate their movements, you can determine, very closely, the spots where the pictures were taken. This is done by framing the same area with an identical camera. When you have done this you will find the camera positions the boys used. Now on a piece of paper plot these points and also those of the swing frame.

you find through triangulation that the prints position the object within inches of the swing frame.

During the investigation we found that photograph No. 4 which was lost, has been found but has not been shown to anyone. All we can assume is that it is another print of the object and it shows no more than the others.

I was able to obtain the services of experts in the photographic field during my investigation.

Yours truly,
James H. Frey.

Touch Landing In Ohio

A touch landing of a mushroom-shaped thirty-foot unidentified flying object was seen in Milford, Ohio, on February 11 by Miss Sharon Hildebrand, 19, of Terrace Park. Miss Hildebrand, who was badly shaken by the incident, said she and Michael McKee of Fairfax "saw the thing in the pitch blackness" around 1:45 A.M. east of Milford not far from Ohio 131.

"Mike got out of the car to get some air, then called to me to bring an electric lantern he carries with him," she said. "I did, and he asked me 'Do you see what I see dead ahead?' And there it was, big and sort of shiny. Mike aimed his light at it and the beam reflected back. It looked like it was in the trees which grew along a creek just off the road. I got scared and began to cry, and told Mike 'let's get out of here'."

They reported their experience to Milford police and returned with an officer to the scene. There they found freshly broken tree branches, ranging "from the size of your finger to about the size of a small wrist" either on the ground or hanging from larger limbs.

According to Len Stringfield of Mariemont, similar reports came almost simultaneously from nearby communities of Wyoming and Blue Ash, Ohio.

'Angel Hair' In Florida

Motorists driving on U.S. 1 between Sebastian and Vero Beach, Florida on February 1 reported the sky was full of wispy stuff floating down on the breeze. When spectators tried to grab the silky strands in their hands, it vanished. Residents of a mobile home site at Sebastian reported it was falling everywhere and hanging from their mail boxes, over telephone and power lines and on their automobiles. No UFOs were reported sighted at the time.

On dozens of occasions, however, the appearance of such angel hair falling at different points around the globe has been reported accompanying the sighting of UFOs.

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On The International Scene

On the 9th of August, 1966, at Bastia, Corsica, a phosphorescent globe of huge proportions was observed in the sky by several young people. It was one of several reports in that area during that week.

Barcelona, Venezuela, 6 December 1966. Many residents of different sectors reported a round, intensely luminous object which crossed the sky from north to south at an estimated altitude of approximately 15,000 feet (triangulations based on several sightings). The trajectory ruled out the possibility of its being a meteor, and the speed precluded its identification as a plane, satellite, meteor, balloon, etc. It traversed 3/4 of the sky within three minutes.

A passenger airliner of the Portuguese Airways "TAP" was paced by two mysterious flying objects on the 7th of December. Capt. Henrique Maia, a veteran pilot told the press. "I inquired about them from the Control Tower at Luanda Airport and they answered that there was no air traffic at that time in the area." Even after this radio contact, the two objects continued to pace the airplane, swooping up and down along with the aircraft. Maia and the passengers were bound for West Africa and all described the objects as "luminous points of light against a very clear sky."

The Norwegian cargo ship "Moder" picked up a motionless airborne object on its radar screen while in the area of the Porsan Fjord in northern Norway on the 14th of December. Shortly after the radar contact the ship was lit up by an unknown object which fell softly into the water at a distance of one hundred meters (about 450 feet). The residents in the Porsang Fjord area also sighted luminous flying objects in the sky. Police and Navy officers began an investigation.

A man driving between Colonia and Montevideo, Uruguay, reported to police on the 24th that a "flying saucer" chased him along a stretch of highway until he neared Montevideo. The man, Benjamin Shoak, reported to police at Santiago Vasquez, 20 kilometers from Montevideo, that he was approaching a bridge over the Santa Lucia River when he saw a luminous object at low altitude which began to pace his car. He increased his speed but was not able to get away from the object. He described it as a cluster of lights which changed colors. The object finally left him and when he reported to police, several officers came out of the station and all were able to see the bright object which was going out of sight.

A large, luminous object crossed the sky in a north-to-south trajectory over Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela at 6 A.M. on December 28. A whistling sound was plainly heard by numerous witnesses, and all described the long smoky trail which it left behind it.

An object shaped like an "inverted

cone" pursued a Peruvian airliner for 800 klms on the 4th of February. According to pilot Oswaldo Sanvitti, and confirmed by flight engineer Jorge Santamaria Calderon, the object stationed itself above the tail of the aircraft, then joined another object and finally both disappeared at supersonic speed. The strange "escorting operation" began when the plane was flying over Chiclayo, 800 klms north of Lima when the "saucer" flew alongside the plane some eight miles to the left of it. Afterward it did several maneuvers, then stationed itself only two miles from the plane. From its underside issued some sort of tail. The saucer, which changed colors, had a diameter of about 70 meters (210 feet). The pilot radioed the airport tower at Lima giving them instructions to have photographers and cameramen there but the saucer, which was then joined by another similar object zoomed toward the horizon and out of sight. The airliner involved, a Fawcett Airlines plane, was on its way from Piura, northern Peru, to Lima.

At about 8:15 P.M., on the 8th of February, Marcelino Cottin of Iberian Airlines and Mr. Oscar Amaya Terepaica of the Airport Executive Staff at Maiquetia, Venezuela, sighted a luminous object which gave off flare-like bursts of light as it crossed the sky from west to east. Cottin was on duty at the airport and did not see the entire path of the object, which was silent. Many residents of Caracas observed a similar object on the same night. The silence, high speed and glow indicated to the Airport employees that it was an unconventional object.

Mr. Eduardo Mazzei, his two sons, one daughter and another young friend of the family were preparing to attend a party at about 8 P.M. on the same night as the preceding sighting when they all saw a large luminous object, several times the size of the planet Jupiter, as it crossed the sky above Caracas from west to east. All the witnesses agreed on the following description: The object was oval in shape with a bright orange core or body, surrounded by a greenish-blue halo and it seemed to be trailing sparks. It changed color alternately from green to blue to yellow to green, and appeared to be under the clouds. The night was clear except for a few nimbus clouds. The sighting itself lasted for only a minute and a half due to the speed with which the object traveled. This report was personally investigated by member Joseph Rolas of Caracas.

On the 13th of February, two radio operators tracked an object by the signals it emitted until it fell to earth near Toluito (Venezuela) in the vicinity of St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary. After it fell to earth at 10, the operators kept in contact with it until dawn. Other radio operators in Lima, Peru and in Bolivia also tracked the thing. Using the information given by the witnesses, authori-

ties attempted a search all day on the 14th but could find nothing by nightfall.

On the same night (13th) several residents of Caracas observed a strange appearing object which maneuvered over their area and finally went out of sight over the Mountain of Caracas' Chair, in the northeast.

The "flying top" was back in the news on the 15th of February when two pilots of the Guatemalan airlines "Aviateca" reported seeing a strange object when they flew over Mexican territory at about 10,500 feet altitude. The object was top-shaped, 15 to 20 meters (75-80 feet) in height, from which a thin section and a two-meter red sphere dangled. The color of the main portion of the object was golden. The pilots, Colonels Alfredo Castaneda and Carlos Samyoa were at 500 kms an hour speed when they were forced to put the aircraft into a sharp and violent turn in order to avoid collision with the object.

UFO, Barn Fire Connected

Pulsating purple and multi-colored lights were reported to have hung in the sky over Goddard, Kansas, on February 9, have been connected with the fire of a vacant farm house. A strong ray-like beam was seen to emanate from an unidentified flying object which hovered over Goddard for more than two hours.

Filling station attendant Wes Herbert, 28, said he was not sure what the lights and the beam were, "but I do know there was something out there." He described the colors as "something I had never seen before." He was unable to make out the form of the object, which had pulsing purple or lavender lights, which would flash about 20 seconds, then go out, to be followed by bursts of bluish, pink, red and a kind of yellow light.

Similar reports came from a waitress at a nearby cafe and several customers who stopped at Herbert's service station. About 2 A.M., Herbert saw a bright beam of light shoot from the object and flash across the highway to the north, where it appeared to touch ground. County firemen found a two-story vacant farm house ablaze. It was destroyed.

Robert J. Low, co-ordinator of the University of Colorado UFO Project planned an investigation. "I don't recall any other sightings we've investigated reporting visible rays that may have caused damage," he stated. "That's why we are interested in checking into it further." However the next day, February 11, he cancelled his plans. "My decision was based primarily on the fact that only one person saw the beam of light and reliability suffers unless a number of people are witnesses. There seems to be a suggestion that trees in front of the house were not burned where they would have been if a beam of light had caused the fire. I was afraid it wouldn't be of much use to us," he said.

On The Science Front

The discovery of a new moon in orbit around Saturn has been confirmed by French astronomers who have made their observations through American and French telescopes. The moon, which they have named Janus, for the two-faced god of ancient Rome, is the tenth known to be in orbit around Saturn. It is the one nearest that planet and its diameter has been estimated at 300 miles on the basis of the sunlight it reflects. On February 1 Dr. Audouin Dollfus of the observatory at Neudon, outside Paris, reported that 13 photographs of the moon had been obtained. They were taken in the last three months when the rings of Saturn were tilted almost edge-on to the earth.

A 19-ton meteorite, the biggest found in Australia, has been located in three big chunks on the barren Nullarbor plain of Western Australia. Geologists said the meteorite was nickel-iron alloy and was about 12 percent nickel. It contains a substantial quantity of troilite, a mineral alien to the earth, and is estimated at possibly hundreds of thousands of years old.

A number of moon spires shown in a picture beamed to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Pasadena by the Lunar Orbiter 2 spacecraft form a geometric pattern and appear similar to columns built by man, a Seattle anthropologist has stated. William Blair, a member of the Boeing Company's biotechnology unit, did not assert that the spires are the work of a transitory intelligence. However he noted that "except for primitive, nomadic peoples, man tends to construct single and multiple structures in geometric forms." Blair said that when he examined the photo with a compass and protractor, he found that the spires formed a basic X, Y and Z right angle coordinate system, six isosceles triangles and two axis consisting of three points each. The moon spire photo was analyzed by Blair the same way he once used aerial survey maps to look for possible pre-historical archeological sites in the southwest United States.

A fourth unidentified satellite fell from orbit on December 30, the Satellite Situation Report, a government catalog of American and foreign space objects, recently disclosed. The first three objects are still in orbit and are still listed as "unknowns." They were discovered last May and June by U.S. tracking radar, but their existence was kept secret until early October. Footnotes in the catalog describe the four unknown objects as "debris," but give no clue to their size.

The delay of the Apollo moon shot will probably push the project for Mars beyond the proposed 1973 deadline. But speculation about the planet's canals,

which have puzzled astronomers for nearly a century, continue to grow. Many have theorized that the canals are artificial watercourses constructed by a race of intelligent beings in a struggle for survival as their seas dried up, built to divert water from the poles to land masses on the planet. In 1959, Russian astronomer I. S. Shklovsky suggested that the two tiny moons which accompany Mars in its orbit around the sun are really satellites, launched years ago by Martians fleeing their planet as its water evaporated and oxygen escaped into space. Earlier this year Dr. John S. Hall of the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., said, "I personally believe that many of them, (canals), particularly those which have been photographed, must be real. The lines would in some cases represent canals at least 50 miles wide and thousands of miles long. Why intelligent beings should have embarked on an irrigation venture of this magnitude is open to serious questions. Perhaps we earthly mortals have been too conservative," he said.

The identification of space chlorophyll through spectroscopic studies and laser research, announced in January by Dr. Fred M. Johnson at Berkeley, bolsters the theory that there can be a proliferation of life in outer space. "The significance of my findings, if correct, is that a case for life chemistry in space can not only be inferred but the end product can be looked upon as a form of life similar to that on earth," Dr. Johnson stated. "Since chlorophyll is essential to the basic building process of life—or photosynthesis—it can be speculated that space chlorophyll could reach surfaces of other planets and undergo photosynthesis as on earth. This would produce at least simple plant forms," Johnson said. "The actual identification technique was similar to fingerprinting, a comparative process where certain optical characteristics of the dust in space were found to closely match the optical characteristics of chlorophyll in the laboratory." His research project began 13 years ago while he was working at the astronomy department and radiation laboratory of Columbia University.

Light Clusters Over N. M.

November 8 was the date of a spectacular UFO display at Espanola, New Mexico. Off duty city police sergeant Nick Naranjo, visiting in La Mesilla, reported that he and several others spotted strange blue-white lights in the sky which were moving rapidly from east to west, then veering south.

Naranjo alerted a news reporter who also saw two of the lighted objects. They moved from the vicinity of Santa Fe toward Espanola, then turned south down the Rio Grande valley and disappeared.

The observers said that two aircraft

were obviously following the objects seen at 9:30 P.M. The objects, described as brighter by far than any star, were reported to be moving very rapidly, but there was no sound.

Sgt. Naranjo said at first he saw three balls of light moving at what was very high altitude, and strung out in a perfect row. These made quick turns to the south and disappeared but within a few minutes a cluster of five appeared from above the Sangre de Cristo range and as the group watched, two airplanes began climbing as if to intercept. Naranjo reported that at this point the lights turned away and disappeared.

Landed Object In Montana

Malta, Montana, was the scene of a January sighting of a "thing" by Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Tremblay and their two children who live on a farm in an isolated area nearby. First indications of something unusual came around 9 P.M., when their dog started barking. Tremblay immediately saw what seemed to be alarming the dog—a large rectangular object with red and amber lights moving rapidly in the distance. At first Tremblay thought it was a truck on the main road but its movements and speed discounted this explanation. Then the object appeared to land on a nearby field and stayed there for a period of about an hour. On examining the area the next morning, however, they found no tracks in the snow, "no signs, nothing." When watched through binoculars after it landed, it "took up a good part of the field of vision through the glasses." "I still wouldn't go out and investigate the thing when it was parked. Not at night at least—maybe in the daytime."

UFOs Reported In Tularosa Basin

Richard Martinez, a motorist from Tucumcari, New Mexico, stopped at State Police headquarters in Alamogordo, N.M., on the 10th of February at 4:30 A.M. to report his sighting of a disc 25 miles north of Tularosa beside Highway 54. Martinez said the object was a round-bottomed vehicle with a dome on top, approximately 30 feet in diameter, and with three lights attached to the outer circumference, one of which was greenish in color and blinked. The object hovered and then took off in the direction of Alamogordo.

Some members have been renewing under the old membership fee of \$3.50. No more renewals will be accepted at that price. Effective 1 November, the fee was raised to \$4.00 per year. PLEASE REMIT THE PROPER AMOUNT!

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